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To the President of the Senate and the  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

On February 19, 1992, the President submitted to the Congress his third special impoundment message for fiscal year 1992. This message reports one proposed rescission of budget authority, one new deferral, and revises the amount of one deferral previously reported. We have reviewed the proposed rescission and the two deferrals and found them to be in accordance with the Impoundment Control Act, 2 U.S.C. § 681, et seq., as amended.

With regard to the rescission proposal, section 1012(b) of the Act requires that funds proposed for rescission be made available for obligation unless the Congress completes action on rescission bills within the 45-day period of continuous Congressional session following the day such proposal is received by the Congress. As the Congressional Calendar now stands, our Office and the Office of Management and Budget have agreed that the 45-day period is scheduled to end on April 4, 1992.

Enclosure I provides specific information with regard to the two deferrals which we believe will be useful to the Congress in its examination of the message. Enclosure II provides a list of the proposed rescission and deferrals as reported by the President.

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Enclosures

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**COMMENTS ON THE THIRD SPECIAL MESSAGE****FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT**

**D92-2A** Agency for International Development  
International Disaster Assistance,  
Executive  
Amount Deferred: \$53,187,051  
11X1035

According to the most recent apportionment statement for this account \$22,731,047 of the amount reported as deferred has been released. The amount currently deferred is \$30,456,004.

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**D92-11** Forest Service  
Timber Salvage Sales  
Amount Deferred: \$131,548,574  
12X5204

According to the latest apportionment statement for this account, dated January 29, 1992, the amount deferred is \$181,548,574 and not \$131,548,574 as reported in the message.

**CONTENTS OF SPECIAL MESSAGE**

ENCLOSURE II

**(in thousands of dollars)**

(as reported by the President)

<u>RESCISSION NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGET AUTHORITY</u>
	<b>Department of Housing and Urban Development:</b>	
	<b>Housing Programs:</b>	
R92-1	Congregate services program.....	16,700
	<b>Total, rescission.....</b>	<u>16,700</u>

<u>DEFERRAL NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGET AUTHORITY</u>
	<b>Funds Appropriated to the President:</b>	
	<b>Agency for International Development:</b>	
D92-2A	International disaster assistance, executive.....	53,187
	<b>Department of Agriculture:</b>	
	<b>Forest Service:</b>	
D92-11	Timber salvage sales.....	131,549
	<b>Total, deferrals.....</b>	<u>184,736</u>

**SUMMARY OF SPECIAL MESSAGE**

**FISCAL YEAR 1992**

**(in thousands of dollars)**

	<u>RESCISSIONS</u>	<u>DEFERRALS</u>
<b>Third special message:</b>		
New items.....	16,700	131,549
Revisions to previous special message.....	---	<u>12,483</u>
Effects of the third special message.....	16,700	144,032
Amounts from previous special message...	---	<u>5,487,088</u>
<b>Total amount proposed to date in all special messages.....</b>	<u>16,700</u>	<u>5,631,120</u>